

**REMARKS****Statement of Substance of the Interview**

An Interview Summary, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 30, 2004, provided Examiner Winston's summary of the in-person interview conducted on November 17, 2004 between Examiner Winston, Sudhir V. Shah, M.D., the Applicant, and N. Scott Pierce and Mary K. Murray, Ph.D., Applicant's Attorneys. Applicant's Attorney notes that the date of the interview is mistakenly identified in the Interview Summary as November 16, 2004.

The substance of the interview concerned a Reply, filed November 1, 2004, in response to an Office Action mailed May 5, 2004. All of the pending claims were discussed. Examiner Winston, Applicant and Applicant's Attorneys discussed the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs. In particular, Applicant and Applicant's Attorneys directed Examiner Winston to portions of the specification that provided guidance and working examples for a method for diagnosing a kidney disease in a human by measuring catalytic iron in a urine sample obtained from a human so that a person of skill in the art can make and use Applicant's claimed invention without undue experimentation. Examiner Winston stated that he would consider Applicant's arguments.

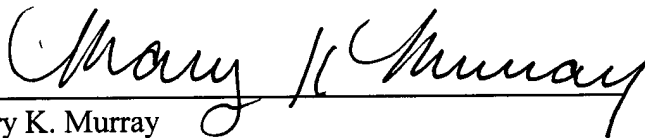
**SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS**

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims under consideration.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to call Applicant's undersigned Attorney.

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